SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the representation of the Associations, Government have the right to revise the rules from time to time. The entire body of the rules for the election of members to the Assembly will undergo careful revision before we meet again. In regard to all the Associations now returning members an enquiry will be made as to their constitution, their work, their usefulness, and so forth. That enquiry will be made in regard to your Associations also. And if Government are satisfied on those points, the privilege will be continued. If they are not satisfied, the concession will be taken away. The best thing, therefore, is for you to try to develop the Associations as much as you can and to work them on proper lines.

172. ***Construction of a road.***

Mr. Thiru Onam Nal Thampuran spoke of the necessity for constructing a road from the 98th mile-stone on the main central road *via* Mattaseri, Parampuzha, Perur and other places, to join the Ettumanur-Lalam road at the 4th mile.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer says that this is an absolutely new road, about 10 miles in length, and will cost about a lakh of rupees. It will not therefore be possible to take up this road in the near future.

173. ***Church-sites and burial-grounds not to be taxed.***

Mr. W. John requested that church-sites and burial-grounds be exempted from taxation.

Dewan's reply.—The Settlement department appear to have proceeded upon the following principle. In the cases of old churches, temples, burial-grounds and such other places as had been already exempted by special command of His Highness the Maha Raja, the exemption has been continued by the Settlement department. Where no such order of special exemption was forthcoming, taxes have been imposed at the settlement. On these lines, the settlement of the greater portion of the State has been finished. Government cannot now make a deviation and introduce any changes in respect of the few remaining taluks. If any place specially exempted has been assessed wrongly, that may be brought up separately, and Government will enquire about it.

CHANGANACHERI TALUK.

174. ***Improvement of canals. Passing of rules under Irrigation Regulation.***

Mr. Narayana Kurup urged the improvement of the Chalackal, Kuttipuzha and Cheriyil canals, the framing of rules under the Irrigation Regulation and the helping of agriculture in other respects.

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SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion of the member regarding the improvement of the canals is noted.

In regard to the passing of rules under the Irrigation Regulation, the Division Peishkar will be asked to report on the suggestion of the member.

175. *Improvement of roads.*

The member also suggested that the Changanacheri-Vazhur road be improved.

Dewan's reply.—A portion of the road has been improved and the balance will also be attended to, bit by bit.

MINACHIL TALUK.

176. *Munsiff Court at Minachil.*

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai said that the Munsiff Court at Kanjirapalli be transferred to Minachil.

Dewan's reply.—At present the Kanjirapalli Munsiff's Court is on the main road from the south. Both the Peishkar and the Chief Engineer consider that Minachil will be quite unsuitable for locating a Munsiff's Court. The Court cannot be transferred to Minachil, as it is just three months since it was located where it now is.

177. *Improvement of roads.*

The member further requested that the following roads be improved:—

(*a*) road from Ettumanur to Poonjat.
(*b*) ,, Lalam to Todupuzha.
(*c*) ,, Lalam to Ponkunnam.
(*d*) ,, Kanjirapalli to Erattupettah.
(*e*) ,, Pizhaku to Kuthattukulam *via* Ramapuram.

Dewan's reply.—All the roads mentioned are existing roads. Their improvement will be attended to consistently with the funds available.

178. *Settlement grievances.*

Mr. Mathunni Thomman said that, in fixing rates in the Taluk, the fact that cocoanut and areca palms were affected by blight be taken into consideration. He also requested that, in granting registry of puduvals, the value of only serviceable trees be realised.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the rates on cocoanut trees, the Settlement Dewan Peishkar says that all the trees suffering from blight *have been* excluded from calculation. The Peishkar has also given you an endorsement that an order like that has been issued by him to his local officers.

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